



## Hardeeville Elementary School

The students and staff of Hardeeville Elementary School are working hard to become a school of “Excellence”. We continue to embrace the motto of **“Success is the Only Option”** and it is our belief that we will achieve excellence in our academic achievements.

At Hardeeville Elementary School we continue to fully implement the South Carolina College and Career Readiness standards. Our teachers develop lessons that help to ensure that the students are engaged in rigorous lessons and activities. We will be going into our fourth year of implementation of the Everyday Math series to help improve student achievement in Math. We have seen our students making some progress with the use of this program. This year we used the STAR assessment to benchmark and progress monitor our students in both Math and Reading.

In Language Arts Hardeeville Elementary continues to work towards improving our students’ levels of reading. We continue with our partnership with the United Way of the Lowcountry in which local our students at school and at home with their families. We have held two school wide literacy nights to promote reading and share literacy activities with families. Students have been given several books to take home to add to their home libraries and promote reading during the summer months. Our students continue to participate in Accelerated Reader and Tumble Books to help make reading fun for them. Hardeeville Elementary continues to receive support from an onsite reading coach funded through the state’s Read to Succeed initiative. This year we are adding an additional reading interventionist giving us a total of three. This will help to address the needs of the students who are reading at least one to one and a half years below grade level.

For the 2016-2017 school year we will be implementing one to one devices for all of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This will help them as they develop the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills to be college and career ready. All classroom teachers have devices that they can use to help with technology lessons for their students and for planning of instruction.

Not only do we work to promote academic success for our students, we make efforts to develop our students socially as well. We promote character education in the school by highlighting a character word each month and incorporate writing by allowing the students to explain in writing how they have displayed that month’s character trait. Our school counselors also work with the students to develop good character through classroom guidance sessions as well as individual and group sessions. We continue to promote PBIS in the school and host quarterly PBIS incentive celebrations to recognize students’ outstanding behavior.

The partnership between the school and community is vitally important to the success of our students. We will continue to enhance these partnerships to help ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our students. It is through these partnership with our parents and community members that our goal of “Excellence” will be obtained. We believe that **Excellence is the Expectation!**

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